



SUBJECT: **24-Hour Peace Officer Authority**
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I. Policy

While in off-duty status, sworn and reserve troopers may invoke their authority as peace officers and take appropriate action to respond to police-related situations within the scope of their commission.

II. Emergency Situation Response

An off-duty trooper, upon witnessing or learning of an emergency situation, may take reasonable and prudent action to mitigate or control the situation safely until on-duty troopers or other authorized personnel assume responsibility.

III. Other Agency Referral

Off-duty troopers observing a situation that may require police action but is not an emergency situation shall, whenever possible, refer the matter to on-duty personnel of the agency having primary jurisdiction.

IV. Required Reporting

Troopers who invoke peace officer authority in response to an off-duty emergency shall obtain the appropriate ARIES or department report (DR) number and submit an *Offense/Incident/Alcohol Report* form (DPS 802-04084) or ARIES report on the event.

V. Department Benefits

Troopers acting under the authority of this policy may be entitled to department benefits. Questions regarding eligibility for benefits shall be directed to **Safety and Loss** or **Human Resources**.

VI. Outside Employment

Troopers engaged in approved outside employment shall conform to guidelines established in GO 2.1.30, *Off-Duty Employment*.

VII. Carrying of Weapons

Troopers may carry a firearm while off-duty in accordance with GO 4.3.10, *Carrying of Authorized Weapons and Ammunition*.